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- Between 8 and 18 May 1954, the Ruinenberg Kaserne in Potsdam was occupied by a KVP regiment, which was commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Geisler and was subordinate to a headquarters stationed in Villa Ingenheim on Lenin Allee. Since March 1954, the regiment has increased by about 200 recruits, who were 17 to 19 years old. On 3 May, Geisler was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel.<sup>1</sup>
- Between 14 and 18 May, the personnel stationed in Ruinenberg Kaserne received instruction on infantry weapons and about 15 AT guns. Seven SU-85 guns were also observed.<sup>2</sup>
- On 15 May, the west section of the Leibgardenhusaren Kaserne was occupied by about 200 KVP officer aspirants, who engaged in drill in the barracks yard.
- Between 13 and 14 May, the about 400 KWs previously stationed in the Garde-du-Corps Kaserne were transferred, with 20 trucks with billeting equipment leaving toward Brandenburg. A KVP officer stated that the units transferred to Brandenburg-Kirchmooser, with KVP troops so far stationed in there being moved to the Garde-du-Corps Kaserne.<sup>4</sup>
- On 15 May, the east section of the Sachsenhausen concentration camp was occupied by an estimated 2,000 KVP personnel. Between 14 and 18 May, personnel observed received instruction in the barracks area and in the vicinity of the post. Three T-34 tanks were observed.
- Between 8 and 17 May, KVPs stationed in the Sachsenhausen concentration camp were observed at training on several days of observation. About 300 VPs drilled in the barracks yard. Firing with infantry weapons was almost daily practiced at the firing range near Klinkerwerke (brick yard). At about 8 a.m., T-34 tanks left the installation for the tank training area, returning at about 6 p.m. On 14 May, 4 T-34 tanks and 4 BA-64 armored scout cars were seen in the barracks yard.
- In the morning on several days, 50 to 60 personnel wearing letter A on their epaulettes entered the concentration camp from Oranienburg castle. KVP personnel received instruction on the about 15 x 37-mm AA guns in the barracks yard during mornings and afternoons.

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8. Officers who, in mid-May, were identified with the 1st Mech Regt of the Mech Div Potsdam stationed in the former Oranienburg concentration camp included:

Lieutenant Colonel Klebsch, commanding officer of the regiment;

Captain Synram (fnu), deputy commander;

Captain Ludwig (fnu), political deputy commander;

Captain Berger (fnu), chief of staff;

Senior Lieutenant Blahowski (fnu), deputy supply officer;

Captain Bochmann (fnu), artillery officer of the regiment;

Senior Lieutenant Schneider (fnu), signal officer of the regiment and

Captain Burig (fnu), engineer officer of the regiment.

1. Comment. Villa Ingenheim is occupied by the Hq Mech Div Potsdam, which is superior to the 2d Mech Regt stationed in the Ruinenberg Kaserne. With the recruits mentioned, the 2d Mech Regt is believed to number an estimated 1,200 to 1,500 KVP personnel. 25X1

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2. Comment. [redacted] the 2d Mech Regt, in addition to tanks was equipped with SPguns in March 1954. 25X1

3. Comment. The Leibgardehusaren Kaserne is carried occupied by the motor transport officer aspirants' school. 25X1

4. Comment. Another source reported the transfer of the AAA Regt from Kirchmooser to Potsdam on 12 May 1954. [redacted] 25X1

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